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<b>UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL</b> <i>(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))</i>		Attorney Docket No. <b>54173-44719</b>
		First Inventor <b>HALL, William A.</b>
		Title <b>FOOD PACKAGING CLOSURE APPARATUS</b>
		Express Mail No. <b>EV328618180US</b>

**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1.  Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.

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 Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D  
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 Background of the Invention  
 Brief Summary of the Invention  
 Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)  
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 Claim(s)  
 Abstract of the Disclosure

3.  Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 2]   
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